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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

TWO MATTERS REGARDING PRIME MINISTER THORN'S
50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 10:
1. MRS. THORN HAS INVITED TO THE PARTY THE VANCES,
NELSON ROCKEFELLERS, DAVID ROCKEFELLERS, KISSINGERS
AND SONNENFELDT. I AM TOLD THAT SONNENFELDT HAS
ACCEPTED. THE OTHERS HAVE NOT YET REPLIED. I
WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE ANY WHO ARE GOING
TO ATTEND STAY AT THE RESIDENCE--EVEN SONNENFELDT.
GIVEN YOUR PAST SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, COULD YOU
(A) TELL HAL THAT I HAVE HEARD THAT HE WAS PLANNING
TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE AND THAT, EVEN THOUGH HE
HAS NOT BEEN POLITE ENOUGH TO LET ME KNOW, I AM
MEVERTHELESS "WILLING" TO HAVE HIM STAY WITH ME
AND (B) CALL ONE OF YOUR OLD COLLEAGUES AT THE
KISSINGER GEORGETOWN OFFICE AND PASS ALONG
AN INVITATION THAT I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO
HAVE THE KISSINGERS AS MY GUESTS IF THEY
ARE GOING TO COME TO LUXEMBOURG. I
ASSUME THAT SECRETARY VANCE WILL NOT BE COMING,
BUT IF YOU HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT EITHER OF THE
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ROCKEFELLERS COMING, I WOULD ALSO BE DELIGHTED
TO HAVE THEM STAY WITH ME.

2. THEN THERE IS THE QUESTION OF AN APPROPRIATE
GIFT. AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE ACCEPTED ARE
TRUDEAU, HELMUT SCHMIDT AND WILLY BRANDT.
THERE IS A LOT OF CHATTER HERE ABOUT WHAT SORTS OF

PRESENTS "OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS" WILL BRING. SOME
LUXEMBOURGERS I HAVE TALKED TO ARE PLANNING
RATHER ELABORATE PRESENTS THEMSELVES. WOULD
IT BE POSSIBLE TO GET FROM THE DEPARTMENT THE
KIND OF PRESENT THAT IS USED ON OFFICIAL
STATE VISITS? I ASSUME THAT THESE PRESENTS
WILL SOMEHOW BE DISPLAYED. CERTAINLY THE WORD
WILL GET AROUND ON WHO HAS GIVEN WHAT. I WOULD
LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE THE PRIME MINISTER
A PRESENT THAT HAS SOME AMERICAN CONNOTATION BUT
THAT IS ALSO APPROPRIATELY ELABORATE--FAR MORE
ELABORATE THAN I COULD AFFORD TO GIVE MYSELF.
CAN YOU HELP? LOWENSTEIN

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